

Keep your krewe safe



It's Carnival time and no one wants to think about getting hurt. But let's face it – there are a lot of potential safety hazards amid the revelry through Fat Tuesday. University Medical Center's Injury Prevention team is here to help with these tips keep you and your krewe stay safe.

Keep parade ladders safe

If you have a ladder for young children, always place it as far back from the street as the ladder is tall and have an adult stay with the ladder at all times.

Throw me something (carefully!) mister

Keep your guard up for hard-flying throws and remember that many of the throws can be a choking hazard for small children. Watch out for beads underfoot that can put children (and adults) at risk of falling.

Stay a safe distance from floats

We get it. Everyone wants to catch throws. Just remember to only approach a float if it's completely stopped and never reach under a float for throws.

Use good horse sense

You don't realize how beautiful horses are until you are up and close to one at a parade. However, they are strong and unpredictable in a crowd. Riders know their horse's temperament, so only approach if they let you know it's safe to do so.

Keep little ones close

Children are small, quick and can get lost in a crowd or dart into traffic easily. Hold their hands and keep them within your vision. Ideally, there should never be more than two children per adult.



Watch out for revelers

Alcohol affects judgement, balance and coordination, so pay attention to revelers when driving through streets surrounding the parade route.



Look for LCMC Health and the City of New Orleans First Aid tents on the parade routes!



X marks the spot

Many people attend parades in groups by carpooling or walking. A meeting place should be set up to avoid someone from being left behind. Unfortunately, when a person wanders alone in the city, they can be at risk of becoming a victim of a crime.

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